

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 29-43 are currently pending in the application.

On December 9, 2008, the Examiner called Applicants and indicated that the pending claims are very lengthy and asked Applicants to submit a Preliminary Amendment before the issuance of a restriction requirement. Pursuant to the Examiner's request, Applicants submit the instant Preliminary Amendment.

Claims 1-28 has been canceled. New Claims 29-43 have been added. Applicants reserved the right to pursue the canceled subject matter in continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part applications. The amendment is fully supported by the specification and does not introduce any new matters. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments for prosecution in this application.

CONCLUSION

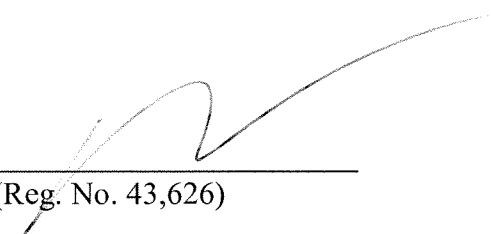
In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully request that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn and this case passed to issue.

Although no fees are believed to be due at this time, please charge any fees that might become applicable, including any fees for extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. **50-4634** referencing Attorney's Docket No. **GNE-0269 R1**.

Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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